

ional Board should not be neglected. Can we not pay to the treasurer of the National Board an average of \$200 per month? We can, and that very easily. Then let us do it, and encourage the Board and the church which it represents, in their efforts to extend the borders of Zion. It is an important work, the work of the Master, and every member of the church should have a part in its development.

Ashland College

Ashland College opened Tuesday September 6, and the first day enrolled nineteen students. This number was increased to twenty-two before the close of the week, and others are coming in this week. We have reasons to feel encouraged, as the outlook is bright. The county is giving us good support, the town too will fall in line, and *what we need more than anything else is the support of the church.* This is a matter local congregations should look after. Send your boys and girls and young men and ladies to Ashland. They will get as good instruction here as anywhere else, and get it cheaper, but better than all they will be under strictly Christian and Brethren influences. You can do no better service to the church than by sending students to Ashland College.

Moody's Campaign

Like a great general, Mr. Moody is constantly organizing and prosecuting extensive movements against the entrenched cohorts of Satan. His latest and one of his most brilliant achievements is the evangelization of the armies assembled at various points in this country, and the islands of the sea to where they have gone warring. Thousands of young men in the camps have been led to profess Christ. A dozen Moody's would conquer the world. It is said that the late war developed the fact into marked prominence that the man behind the gun is more important than the gun, or the armor, or the speed of the ship. Everything depends upon his nerve and skill, and if he is defective, the excellence of the gun or the ship counts for nothing. The good ship Zion is a staunch old craft, and her guns are the best in the universe. What seems to be wanted is a few more gunners like Moody.

Kindle the Fire

There are some plague spots which will not be corrected by the ordinary remedies. Lime, soap and water, carbolic acid, none of these things move them. The infection of yellow fever at Santiago first came from some native houses at Siboney, which were ordered to be burned. Fortified in all sorts of chinks, cracks and crevices, the fatal germ secretly lurked to spring the surprise of death upon the careless soldier. Nothing but fire could reach that enemy. It is said that the

great fire in London destroyed the plague which otherwise could never have been conquered. So it is with some plague spots in the body social, the body political and the body spiritual. Scrub and scour all you may, and yet infection and death will grin at you from a thousand secure crannies. No amount of whitewash betters the inner pollution of that sepulchre. Put soap inside and paint outside of a saloon, and it yet remains the vestibule of hell. Turkish baths and elegant toilet do not make yon libertine one whit less the child of the devil. There is but one remedy for these and a hundred similar cases, and that remedy is fire. You cannot reform that malice or that lust. You cannot scrub it out. If you are in earnest about getting rid of it, seek the baptism of fire. Here is an alternative which confronts the best of us: *sin consumed in us, or we consumed in sin.* "Choose ye."

The Ministry of the Religious Paper

Not every one appreciates the value of the religious paper in the home. The ministry of such a paper is two-fold. In the first place it directs the reading of the home. It not only furnishes the kind of reading matter every member of a Christian family should read, but it cultivates a taste for what they *should* read. Then again it is a newspaper for the family, that is it furnishes the news of the denomination which it represents. It keeps them informed on all the movements of the church, keeps them in touch with it, and thus is a powerful agency in making intelligent, and therefore useful Christians. The following from Arthur T. Fowler, in the *Standard*, organ of the Disciple church is to the point:

A religious paper should be in every home, and by this we mean a denominational paper representing the church to which the family or members of the family may belong. It should be read by every member in the home who can read. Parents who fail to provide the home with such a paper are recreant to a sacred obligation, the fulfillment of which is essential to good influence in the home. It is better to be deprived of some things which may be considered "necessaries" than to be without good reading.

The church member who does not read his denominational paper will soon become shrivelled, narrow, anti-missionary, and then go into "innocuous desuetude." On the other hand, a church member who reads, and becomes an agent in his church for a religious paper, is a benefactor. He is performing a service for Christ and the church which is second to none. A pastor who will from time to time call the attention of his people to important articles, special numbers, and will urge upon his congregation the value and need of taking a religious paper, and will then follow it up with a little earnest solicitation, will strengthen himself among

them. They will become informed, appreciative and responsive to the denomination and to Christ.

Our Young People's Work

After a service of five years as president of the King's Children, Brother Talley, unselfishly and in a spirit that is most commendable, hands the work over to another. He has the satisfaction of seeing the fruits of his labors in the organization of societies in almost every congregation in the brotherhood. He has put time and money into this service, and the gratitude of the whole church is due him for unselfish service rendered. In behalf of the church we tender him a vote of thanks, and pray the blessing of the Father upon him and the work which he is now to take up.

Brother Furry too is a busy man, but he will give special attention to the work of the young people, and we have reason to look for great results from this department of our church work. It is pleasing to note the enthusiasm among our young people, and their willingness to take up and prosecute the Master's cause. We see grand and glorious possibilities in our young people. May God bless them in all their service, and may the Holy Spirit guide their new leader and richly bless him in his efforts to develop this important department of church work.

Are We to Have a World's Peace?

The Czar of Russia startles the world by an extraordinary proposal to call an international conference for the purpose of finding a basis of universal peace which will admit of a reduction of the great armaments now crushing the nations of Europe. At considerable length he argues the futility of these increasing armaments as guarantees of peace, and that their very existence, and the policy of adding to their extent and efficiency, is likely to produce the very cataclysm,—the savage wars and frightful slaughters,—which they are professedly intended to avert. Coming from the despotic head of the most powerful military nation in the world, the proposal carries great weight of influence, and a conference may even be called, but it is discouraging to note the tone of the press concerning the practicability of any international agreement to disarm. The Czar's proposition is regarded as the enthusiastic dream of a young man who has not realized the insurmountable obstacles which stand in the way of a peace compact among the nations. The difficulty of reaching a basis of agreement between nations of diverse sentiments, diverse interests, and widely varying degrees of civilization, and also the difficulty of securing a steadfast adherence to this agreement without incurring the risks of betrayal and treachery, and without the persuasive argument of physical force and the